



STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF NEVADA

County Clerk – Recorder
Registrar of Voters Office
950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959-8600

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ELECTION OBSERVER PANEL PLAN

County and System information

Name of County: Nevada County

Name of Contact: Susan German

Contact's Phone 530-265-1700

Vendor and Voting System: HART InterCivic 6.2.1

Date: April 22, 2008

NEVADA COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION OBSERVER RULES

1. All observers must report and sign in daily at the front desk.
2. A visitor badge will be issued and must be worn at all times. When leaving for the day, please return the badge to the front desk.
3. No food or beverages are allowed in the work area.
4. Radios, cameras and/or tape recorders are not allowed. Pagers, cellular phones or similar handheld devices must be set to vibrate or turned off while observing in the work area.
5. Observers cannot assist in the operation, touch or handling of any ballots or other election-related materials.
6. All questions concerning procedures should be directed to the following: Gregory J. Diaz, County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters; Susan German, Assistant Recorder-Registrar or Gail Smith,
7. Any conversation is prohibited after entering the elections office.
8. Failure to follow instructions will be reported. Violation of these rules by an observer may result in expulsion from the building or relocation by a Sheriff's Deputy.

General Rules

Observers may:

- Observe the proceedings at the polls, including the opening and closing procedures.
- Obtain information from the precinct index that is posted near the entrance.
- Make notes and watch all procedures.
- View all activities at the central counting site on Election Day.
- View the canvass of the vote activities following the election.
- View Vote by Mail and provisional ballot processing.

Observers are responsible for:

- Checking in at each site, whether polling place or central counting site.
- Wearing an identification badge.
- Maintaining a professional manner while observing the election processes.
- Ensuring they do not interfere with the elections process.

Observers may not:

- Interfere in any way with the conduct of the election.
- Touch any voting materials or equipment or sit at the official worktables.
- Converse with voters (within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place) regarding the casting of a vote, or speak to a voter regarding his or her qualifications to vote.
- Display any election material or wear campaign badges, buttons or apparel.
- Wear the uniform of a peace officer, a private guard, or security personnel.
- Use cellular phones, pagers, or two-way radios inside the polling place and/or within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling place.
- Talk to central counting site workers while they are processing ballots.
- Use the telephones, computers or other polling place facilities at polling places or the central counting site.
- Touch election personnel.
- Eat or drink in the polls or the central counting site.
- Assist in operations at any polling place.

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TO: Political Party Central Committee Members
Nevada County Grand Jury
League of Women Voters

FROM: Gregory J. Diaz
County Clerk-Recorder

RE: Election Observer Panel

The Direct Statewide Primary Election will be conducted on June 3, 2008.

In compliance with Section 8.2 of the Voting System Use Procedures as approved by the Secretary of State in July 2006, the Nevada County Clerk-Recorder invites representatives from the qualified political parties, League of Women Voters, Nevada County Grand Jury, and other groups or individuals who have expressed an interest in observing Election Day activities to comprise the Election Observer Panel for the Direct Statewide Primary Election.

Representatives on the panel will be given the opportunity to observe that correct procedures are followed in the receiving, processing and tallying of all votes cast in the Primary Election as well as observing Election Day activities at the polls. In addition, any member of the panel is invited to be present during absentee ballot processing, counting and the activities associated with the certification of the election. Attached are the approximate dates of the referenced activities as well as the guidelines which present a general overview of the rules for the Observer Panel.

Should either you or a representative from your organization wish to participate in any or all of these activities, please contact Gail Smith, Acting Senior Elections Assistant at 530-470-2740 no later than May 18th so we can provide an identification badge for each member. If your observer is interested in observing a particular process other than election night processing, please have them contact Gail or Susan German, Assistant Clerk Recorder for the specific date. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 530-470-2740.